



Elderbank Primary Newsletter

October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Term 1 was very busy and productive, and we would like to thank all our pupils, parents, carers, and staff for their continued support and enthusiasm. As we approach the second term, we hope everyone has recharged after the holidays.

Health and Wellbeing

Head Lice Reminder:

Please take a moment this week to check your child's hair for head lice. This is a common issue in all schools and not linked to any individual pupils. If treatment is needed, advice and suitable products can be found at local pharmacies and through NHS guidance.

Jackets and Clothing:

As the colder weather approaches, please ensure that all children come to school with a jacket every day. Outdoor learning and play continues in all seasons, and we want everyone to stay warm and dry.

Labelling Belongings:

Please label all items of clothing and personal belongings clearly with your child's name. Pupils are responsible for looking after their belongings, and named items are much easier to return when misplaced.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Elderbank, we value good attendance and punctuality as vital to every child's success and wellbeing.

It is important that all children are in school by 9:00 a.m. each day. After this time, access to different areas of the school is restricted for safety reasons, and office staff are unable to leave their duties to escort late arrivals.



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We appreciate that mornings can be busy, but we ask all families to make every effort to ensure children arrive on time and ready to learn. Regular attendance and punctuality help children settle into routines, build confidence, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Breakfast Club:

We are pleased to confirm that Primary 1 pupils can attend Breakfast Club from Monday 27th October.

Please remember that Breakfast Club is not a childcare facility—it is a *Healthy Start* opportunity designed to support children's wellbeing and readiness for the school day.

Learning Cafés and Learning Journals

We will be launching Learning Journals on the following dates:

- Supported Learning and Early Years: Tuesday 21st October
- Mainstream and Enhanced Deaf Provision: Monday 27th October

Please return any outstanding consent forms by Friday 24th October.

After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs are now up and running, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the activities on offer:

Club	Year Group
Football	P5–P7
Multi-sports	Infants
Running	P4–P7
Dance	P5–P7
Netball	P5–P7
Judo	Multi-stage
Signing Choir	P1–P7
Art Club	P2 & P3



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We are extremely grateful to the staff and volunteers who give their time so generously. As these clubs are run by volunteers, children must be able to participate independently, follow instructions, and commit to attending every week.

Early Years Marvellous Mondays

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to the Toilet Training Task Force sessions—the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

We will continue to offer Monday morning sessions for our Early Years parents and carers, with details shared directly by Miss Roy.

Staffing News

We have several staffing updates to share this term:

- Mrs Jarrott has announced her retirement in December 2025. A much-loved teacher and long-serving member of both Elderbank and Broomlands Primary, she has shaped the learning journeys of many children. We will celebrate her contributions closer to the time.
 - Mrs Green, PSA, will be leaving to take up a new role as a part-time Area Inclusion Worker at Greenwood Academy. We wish her every success in her new post.
 - Mrs Blades one of our PSAs in the Enhanced Deaf Provision has announced her retirement in December 2025. She will be missed at Elderbank.
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Celebrating Success

We are currently compiling our Term 1 highlights and look forward to sharing these with you shortly. It has been a wonderful start to the school year.



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Parking Reminder

A gentle reminder that parking in the school car park is not permitted. Spaces are designated for staff only.

Please use the drop-off zone as directed. Continued misuse may result in restricted access for all, so we appreciate your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

A Message from the Parent Council: Let's Work Together with Respect

At Elderbank Primary and Early Years, we are incredibly fortunate to have a team of dedicated staff who work tirelessly to create a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for all of our children. Every decision made and every policy followed is guided by what is best for all learners—their wellbeing, their development, and their success.

It's with disappointment that we, as your Parent Council, have become aware of instances where staff have been subjected to aggressive or disrespectful behaviour when enforcing school rules and policies. This is deeply concerning.

We understand that, at times, disagreements or frustrations can arise—but it is vital that we all remember to approach these situations with respect and understanding. The staff are doing their jobs, often going above and beyond, and deserve to be treated with the same courtesy and kindness we would expect for ourselves.

As a school community, we must set an example for our children. This includes showing how to handle differences calmly, respectfully, and constructively.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Communicate respectfully with staff, even when raising concerns
- Trust that policies are in place for the safety and benefit of ALL pupils
- Work together with the school to create a positive, supportive environment

Let's continue to build a school community that we can all be proud of—where every child feels safe, every voice is heard, and every member is treated with dignity.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

The Parent Council

Personalisation and Choice

Next term, we will offer cross-stage personalisation and choice sessions for Primary 3–4 and Primary 5–7 pupils.

Mrs MacFarlane is coordinating these exciting opportunities, and children will make



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their selections after the October holidays.

Each class now also has a leadership focus, and we look forward to sharing more about this next term.

School Lunches

Please continue to select your child's lunch choice at home using the online system. If your child has allergies or dietary needs, simply select the *special diet* option—our catering team will ensure the correct meal is provided.

Important Reminder:

Elderbank is a nut-free school. Several pupils and staff members have life-threatening allergies, so we ask that no nuts or nut products be brought into school.

School Uniform

Please remember that black tops are not part of our school uniform. We appreciate everyone's efforts in maintaining our high standards of dress and school pride.

Friday 31st October – Dress Down / Costume Day

Children are invited to dress down or wear a costume on Friday 31st October. Please note:

- No face paint or scary masks
- Costumes should be easy for children to manage independently

Christmas Events

We have a number of events planned for Christmas, which includes either a pantomime visit, for children who are able to manage this, or an in school entertainment. We also have parties planned for every child. To contribute towards the cost of these events we are asking for a £5 donation for each pupil. This is to be



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paid through your child's ipayimpact account. This will be set up this week and we ask that all donations are made by Friday 28th November 2025. We asked for feedback on what parents and carers would be willing to pay and we have managed this donation within this budget. The school will be covering the majority of the costs. For families with more than two pupils we ask that parents only pay for the first two children.

Primary 1 and 2 Nativity – 'The Twinkly Nativity'

The children are excited to perform their Twinkly Nativity on the following dates.

Performance 1- Tuesday 16th December (afternoon) 1.30-2.30pm

Performance 2- Wednesday 17th December (morning) 9.30-10.30am

We will share more information on tickets shortly.

******Parent Information Events******

As noted on the previous dates for the diary, we have two events planned for **Thursday 30th October from 3:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.** The first is a Sleep Scotland workshop. A number of parents and carers have requested this. We are covering the cost of this workshop and we hope you are able to attend. The alternative event is a NSPCC information session on online safety at the same time. We are also offering a free crèche facility. Please complete the link which will be sent to your email.

Kind regards,

Miss Robertson and The Elderbank School Team



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